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Sir:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2002 (Paper No. 6), response to which is due January 17, 2003. Applicants do not believe that a Petition for Extension of Time or fees are required. In the event this is not correct, applicants request such extension of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 08-1641.

Applicants herewith elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-13, 23-26 and 32-38, without traverse, for prosecution in this case. Applicants reserve the right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional application.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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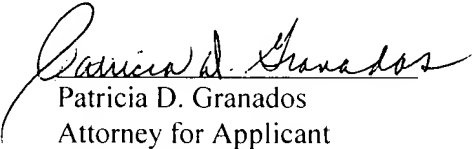
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